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PRESS MEMORANDUM
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The Governor has vetoed House Bill 554, by Schwartz and Hosey, authorizing counties to construct and maintain causeways and bridges from one county to another and to pay for the construction thereof of revenue bonds.

In his veto message, the Governor said: "In my opinion this bill involves a major change in the policy of the State. The trend has always been away from individual toll roads and bridges, and with the low population bracket contained in this bill, it would be possible for every county to be in the toll road business. Texas has always stood for free highway travel or for a well planned over-all State highway toll road system. This bill is a step in the opposite direction from this expressed policy. In addition, the bill omits certain safeguards in the present law to prevent the possibility of interference with navigation."